

### REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-7 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 are the only independent claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7. However, upon reviewing the application while preparing this Amendment, the undersigned attorney noticed that there were a few minor typographical errors in the specification and in claim 1, relating to a missing comma in the clause: "and that if Y is  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , R is not" and the use of an upper case i (namely, I), instead of a lower case L (namely, l) in formulas for the perchlorate and chloride anions in the clause: "and that if Y is  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $[\text{ClO}_4^-]$   $\text{ClO}_4^-$  or  $[\text{Cl}^-]$   $\text{Cl}^-$ , R is not." Support for the corrections is clearly present in paragraph [0013] of the application as filed.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that although claims 3-5 were rejected, claims 8-10, depending from claims 3-5, respectively, were objected to but would be allowable if they were made to be independent claims incorporating all of the subject matter of the claims from which they depended. Claim 3 has been amended to be an independent method of use claim corresponding to claim 8, and claims 4 and 5 have been amended to be method of use claims depending from claim 3 and corresponding to claims 9 and 10, respectively. Claims 8-10 have been canceled, accordingly.

The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as filed, do not add new matter and do not require any additional searching. It is believed that the claims as amended now place the application in full condition for allowance.

Entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections, and the issuance of a prompt Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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